EMPLOYMENT TO GAS VICTIMS IN COACH REPAIR FACTORY, BHOPAL

1036. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts sanctioned in the Railways' Coach Repair Factory at Bhopal and the number out of them filled; and

(b) the number of persons employed from the areas affected by Bhopal gas tragedy and the number of posts likely to be made available to the persons from these areas and the categories and pay scales for these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Out of 958 posts sanctioned, 743 posts have been filled.

(b) (i) number of persons employed from the areas affected by Bhopal Gas Tragedy—203;

(ii) The scheme of exclusive reservation for such persons was valid upto 31-12-1990; and

(iii) Persons employed, as at (i) above were recruited in scales Rs. 950-1500 and Rs. 1400-2300.

RAILWAY LINE FROM INDORE TO AMALNER

1037. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to construct railway line from Indore to Amalner (Maharashtra); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(English)

CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF RAJKOT-VERAVAL LINE

1038. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval metre gauge railway line into broad gauge and its extension upto Kodinal;

(b) whether RITES has already conducted a survey for it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As a result of examination of the Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey Report of Rajkot-Veraval section, certain alternatives were identified. Decision would be taken on the basis of study of these alternatives and availability of resources in the coming years;

(b) and (c) M/s. RITES conducted a feasibility survey for construction of a new line from Veraval to Kodinar in 1989 at the request and cost of Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation. Since the proposed line is to exclusively serve the two plants of Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd. and Cement Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. and after gauge conversion, M/s. Ambuja Cement Plant, it was decided that the work can be taken up only as a deposite work and Chief Minister of Gujarat was advised accordingly in October, 1989.

REINSTATEMENT OF DISMISSED EMPLOYEES

1039. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees retrenched after 1980 consequent on their participation in the strike;